

## URGE GOVERNOR TO NAME JUDGE

Several Delegations Call at Capitol in Behalf of Various Candidates.

### MRS. TIBBS GETS PARDON

Woman Implicated in Williamson Case Recommended for Mercy.

Several delegations called on Governor William H. Mann yesterday in support of candidates for the position of judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, made vacant recently by the death of Judge John E. Mason, of Fredericksburg. Former Judge R. H. L. Chichester is said to be strongly inclined for the position, while other lawyers of Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties have been mentioned.

Proctor Mann said last night that he had not reached any decision on the matter, as he had not had time to read all the papers presented, but the appointment will move certainly be made within the next day or two. The Fifteenth Circuit embraces the counties of King George, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline and Hanover, there being a separate Corporation Court for the city of Fredericksburg, over which Judge John T. Goodrick presides.

**Of Unsound Mind.**  
Governor Mann issued an order directing the transfer of Lee Gaines, colored, from the colored reformatory to the custody of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, where an inquiry into his sanity will be made. Gaines was convicted of housebreaking and sentenced to serve ten years in the State Penitentiary last July that sentence was commuted to a term in the colored reformatory, but because of peculiar circumstances it has been requested that the Governor direct a judicial proceeding to establish the condition of the prisoner's mind. It is represented that he is merely of unsound or weak mind, but in no sense dangerous.

**Judge West Designated.**  
Judge J. F. West, of Waverly, of the Third Judicial Circuit, was designated yesterday by Governor Mann to hold a part of the next term of the Hustings Court of the city of Petersburg, in place of Judge J. M. Mullen, who thought it would be improper for him to sit. The case is that of Eli Tarte and others, involving the control of the Harrison Street Colored Baptist Church of Petersburg. Judge West has partly heard the case before, and directed a commissioner in chancery to prepare a corrected list of the members of the church, and a view of holding a legal election of trustees and other officers and settling the vexed question of ownership and control of the church property in a legal manner.

**To Be Married To-Day.**  
Throughout the Capital yesterday there was a general undercurrent of excitement over the matrimonial intentions of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Colonel E. G. James, announced in strict confidence to his associates that he would be married this morning at 11 o'clock to Miss Evelyn Keane, of 15 North Fourth Street, the ceremony to take place in the presence only of the families. No invitations have been issued.

**Hessburg Firm Incorporated.**  
A charter was issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday to Magnus Hessburg, Incorporated, of Richmond. C. Hessburg, president; P. W. Hessburg, secretary and treasurer; and Leon M. Nelson—all of Richmond. The capital stock is to be: Maximum,

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**New Land Company.**  
A charter was also issued by the Corporation Commission yesterday to the College Park Land Company, Incorporated, of Salem, Va. The incorporators are A. M. Bowman, president; H. W. Kline, secretary and treasurer; and S. D. Denit—all of Salem, Va. The capital stock is: Maximum, \$40,000, and minimum, \$20,000, and the object and purpose is to engage in the real estate business.

**Holidays Begin.**  
At the request of attorneys and others interested, practically all matters requiring public hearing before the State Corporation Commission have been postponed until after the holidays, and the January docket is one of the fullest in many months. Already the holiday feeling is pervading the Capitol and Library offices, and little or no work will be done that can be postponed until after the first of the year.

**Auditor Mays III.**  
State Auditor Morton Mays, who has been in bad health for the past six months, is critically ill at his home, 1200 Park Avenue. He has been suffering with sciatica, and his friends have become very apprehensive of his condition.

**Mrs. Tibbs Pardoned.**  
Governor Mann has granted a pardon to Mrs. Annie Tibbs, of Richmond, sentenced to jail for six months in Petersburg for having aided in the escape of her nephew, Julius A. Williamson, who was awaiting trial for bigamy. Williamson was also charged with having murdered his second wife, traces of arsenic poisoning having been found in her stomach on an autopsy performed by Coroner Taylor, of Richmond. Williamson was captured in North Carolina. While in jail in Petersburg he was visited by his aunt, who was said to have brought him the saws with which he effected his escape. She has served about half of her term. The application for pardon was endorsed by the trial judge and Commonwealth's Attorney, Williamson is now serving a term in the penitentiary for bigamy, and may later be tried for murder.

**Heavy Fine Imposed.**  
No information is to be had as to the identity of a Virginia millman on whom a fine of \$100 has recently been imposed. It is believed that the fine is in connection with the recent shooting up of Broad Street by a company of the First Regiment on Labor Day, and an officer of the regiment has been held by the trial judge and Commonwealth's Attorney, Williamson is now serving a term in the penitentiary for bigamy, and may later be tried for murder.

**Sentenced to Death.**  
Richard Harding Biggs, colored, sentenced to death in the electric chair for the murder of his sweetheart last

August, was brought from Norfolk to the penitentiary yesterday and placed in the condemned ward, the Governor having declined to pardon in his case. He will be electrocuted early in January.

**Will Apply for Pardon.**  
Attorney H. M. Smith, Jr., of Richmond, is preparing papers for presentation to the Governor asking a pardon for Earl Van Dyke, of Hampton, now serving a sentence of eighteen years in the penitentiary for attempted assault upon Rebecca Chandler, colored.

## BRANTLEY KILLS A WISE OLD OWL

But It Wasn't Wise Enough to Keep Quiet in the Heart of Town.

All policemen carry revolvers; not all are good marksmen, but Policeman Brantley last night proved his right to be listened as a sharpshooter, for, with only one shot, he brought down an owl from a tree on North Fifth Street.

The bird of midnight had tooted for some time. People in the community were worried. Sometimes it sounded like a man in distress, and startled ears listened for further appeals for help, but always it was the same sound, a sound familiar enough to those who were reared in the country, where owls, screech and otherwise, hold away over the hours of night.

But to the city folk the sound was ominous and unfamiliar. It disturbed their peace. But the midnight bird continued solemnly to toot. He knew not of the anxiety he was creating, and probably, he cared less. And measured Sleep became troubled. And then along came Policeman Brantley, with his trusty six-shooter. He sighted the owl in the tree tops, and, with careful aim, banged away. For a second the bird hung still, and then, with outspread wings, came toppling down. No other shot was necessary. The bird landed at the officer's feet. With a sigh of remorse he picked up the inanimate object of flesh and feathers. The owl was dead. "Dead as a door nail," he said, and everybody knows that a door nail is one of the dearest things in existence. The bird measured four feet and three inches from tip to tip. It will be stuffed and hung in the officer's home, a reminder of his prowess with the gun.

## PERFECT PLANS FOR MEETING

Committee Meets to Discuss Affairs in Connection With Good Roads Convention.

A meeting of the committee from the Richmond Automobile Club, having under consideration the good roads convention for Richmond, with a view to the immediate improvement of the roadway between this city and Gordonsville, was held yesterday. The members of this committee are Allen Post, chairman, and Messrs. Foster and Folger, together with the secretary and president of the club.

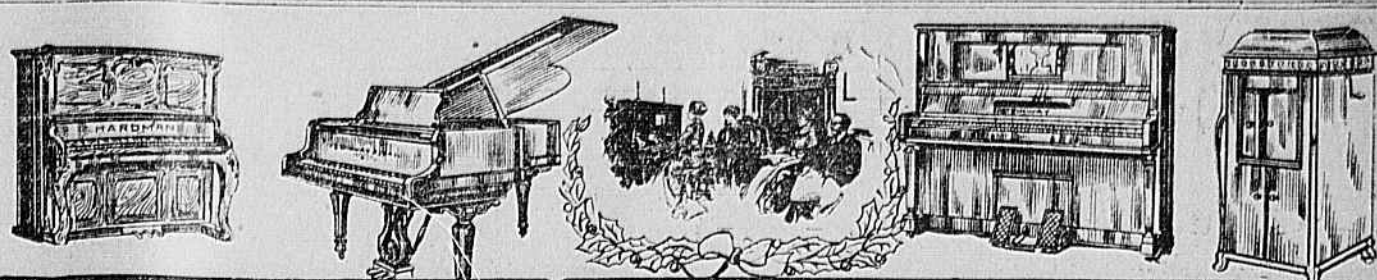
It was decided to invite contribution from every member of the local organization and from all other citizens who are interested in the question of good roads, so that not only the supervisors, mayors of principal cities and members of the Legislature in the counties between Richmond and Gordonsville could be invited, but that the same officials in the counties between Richmond and the Carolina line could also be invited.

In this way all of those men who are directly interested in good roads and who actually build the roads, can be here and can listen to the practical talks which will be made by Governor Mann and by Highway Commissioner Wilson. Mayor Richardson will also be an invited guest and will add his voice. In addition to these officials, it is probably that United States authorities will be present to tell of what has been done and what may be done in the matter of improving roads.

There seems to be little doubt but that the money needed for the convention will be quickly subscribed. The necessity for improving the highways in the State of Virginia is now largely a personal affair, and each county feels that it is responsible for the road passing within its boundaries. For this reason it is believed that if the matter is placed properly before the authorities the work will be accelerated and the desire for better roads realized.

Should the convention be held—and there is little doubt of it now—it will be held towards the close of January. By this time all plans will have been perfected for the entertainment of the visitors. It will be a memorable convention, and after its adjournment a new era in road building may be looked forward to. Indeed, it seems now that work will be actually commenced within a short time after the convention has met. It is no longer necessary to convince the county supervisors that good roads are a necessity. The work now lies along the lines of determining the best way in which to accomplish a mutual aim. This the convention will attempt to do.

**ASHORE ON LOOKOUT SHOALS.**  
Large Four-Masted Schooner Stranded Near Point Beach.  
Morehead City, N. C., December 21.—A large four-masted schooner is stranded on the west side of Cape Lookout Shoals, about five miles off from Point Beach, and the heavy running tide and strong wind is driving the vessel farther on the shoals.  
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### MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

Fraternal Organizations to Look After Children Christmas.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 21.

By his counsel, James M. Quicke, Jr., and Paul Pettit, W. O. Newsom, administrator of the estate of his brother, Robert O. Newsom, to-day instituted suit in the Hustings Court for \$10,000 damages against the Petersburg Telephone Company and the Virginia Railway and Power Company.

On the 3d of July of last year Robert O. Newsom, an employee of the railway company, while at work on a pole at the corner of Sycamore and Filmore Streets, was shocked by a live wire, claimed to have belonged to the telephone company, and which rendered him helpless until his death in May of this year. The suit is brought, as next of kin, on behalf of the children of Robert Newsom.

**Masons Elect Officers.**

At the stated meeting of Powhatan Lodge, No. 124, A. F. and A. M., last night, officers were elected and installed as follows:  
Worshipful Master, Emmett L. Rock; Senior Warden, Robert G. Bass; Junior Warden, J. N. Harrison; Treasurer, Robert E. Gill; Secretary, Louis L. Kidd; Senior Deacon, George W. Watson; Junior Deacon, Charles H. Godsey; Chaplains, Rev. F. W. Moore and Joseph Gresham; Tiler, Joseph Williams; Stewards, John Wilkinson and Sidney B. Gill.

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**Riverside Club Elects Officers.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Riverside Club was held last night in the clubhouse, in Dinwiddie, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:  
President, E. B. Sydnor; Vice-President, Walter D. McKenney; Board of Governors—Dr. H. G. Leigh, Harvey Seward, R. Boiling Wilcox, H. P. Frichard, M. C. Jackson, I. J. Hartley and W. Roane Ruffin.

The board of governors will elect the secretary and treasurer of the club.  
The Riverside Club is the fashionable social club of the city, and its receptions and entertainments are kept up throughout the year and much enjoyed. During the winter season the Saturday afternoon hunts of the riding members are events of much interest.

**Looking After the Children.**  
Petersburg Aerie of Eagles last night made a donation to the children in the Female Orphan Asylum, and also to the Christmas Stocking Club, which is arranging for cheer among the poor children at the Christmas season. This afternoon an officer of the aerie went to the asylum and placed a crisp new one dollar bill in the hand of each child, with the admonition to spend it as she pleased.

On Monday at the Elks' Home, on West Tabb Street, Petersburg Lodge of Elks, as is their usual custom, will entertain the children of the orphan asylum, and will present each one with a nice gift. The orphans in return will entertain the Elks and all friends who may be present, with singing and recitations.

The Salvation Army is looking after the poor children of the city, and is arranging that none shall be overlooked by Santa Claus. The army is also preparing to furnish substantial additions to the larders of needy families, and the public is assisting them to do so.

**Commandery Notes.**  
As is their custom every Christmas, the Sir Knights of Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, will assemble in their asylum grounds at noon next Monday to offer a toast to the most worshipful grand master of Knight Templars, and receive the response. Luncheon will be served, and volunteer toasts will be offered and responses made.

On Sunday night Appomattox Commandery, of which Eminent Sir Walter E. Williamson is commander, will attend divine service in Washington Street M. E. Church, when a special sermon will be delivered by the Rev. George E. Booker, D. D., himself a Sir Knight.

**Personal and Otherwise.**  
A meeting of the owners of the Petersburg baseball team was held yesterday, and matters of interest were discussed. Efforts will be made to secure first-class players for the team next year. It was decided to locate the new park on Dunlop's field in the western part of the city, and to go to work at once to have the park in condition when the season opens.

The police corps in their new overcoats and uniforms were inspected by the commissioners last night. The inspection proved satisfactory, and the officers and men presented a handsome appearance.

The sales of tobacco this week while fairly large, will not equal those of last week. The warehouses will be closed for the holiday season on Friday.

The public schools of this city, after an interesting Christmas exercises this week, will close on Friday, not to be reopened until January 3.

At the home of the bride in Mecklenburg county yesterday, Miss Ruth Wells was married to Hamlin Epper, of Prince George county. The bride was formerly engaged in educational work in Prince George.

There will be special music in all the churches here on Christmas day, and in some the programs will be elaborate.

The board of directors of the National Bank of Petersburg to-day declared a quarterly dividend of 2 percent on the capital stock.

Robert Gilliam, Sr., and William H. Camp have been elected members of the board of directors of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of George J. Seay and W. Gordon McCabe, Jr.

**Thieves Sentenced.**  
The police this week have been on

the lookout for petty thieves, who are unusually active at this special season of the year. Yesterday they bagged three negroes who had been stealing around the warehouses, and in Police Court this morning each of them was given a sentence of four months in jail.

George Griffin, white, an iron worker, late from Roanoke, was charged with stealing a watch from the person of J. R. Hawkins, of Chesterfield county, and was sent on to be tried for felony. The watch is valued at \$10, and was recovered. The police did quick work in this case.

**Marriages This Afternoon.**  
The Rev. George E. Booker, D. D., pastor of Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, officiated at two marriages this afternoon.

At 1:15 o'clock at the parsonage, Miss Martha Alice Tucker and Robert E. Kelly, both of Dinwiddie county, were married.

At 2:15 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Williams, on Jefferson Street, Miss Beale Adelaide Bratton and Charles Lumaden Cox, both of Prince George county, were united in marriage.

Mrs. Charles Williams has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Annie Laura Lauterback, to Nelson P. Pollard, to take place January 1, at 5 o'clock P. M., at the residence on High Street.

A telegram received from Dallas, Texas to-day, by Mrs. A. A. Allen, announced the death of her son-in-law, Roy Wilson, at that place. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Virgie Allen of this city, who, it is expected, will return to live with her mother.

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